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With the exception of a U.S. Patent, copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

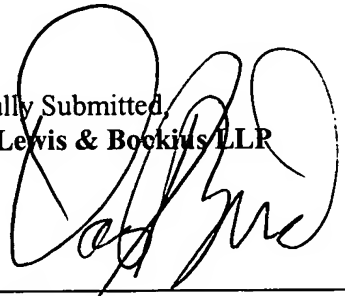
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